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SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN CLAIMS AGREEMENT

REF.: A) TOKYO 10540 B) TTPI 442

SUMMARY: IN FACE OF CONTINUED MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNWILLINGNESS APPROVE USG REQUEST THAT SPECIAL ACCOUNT INTEREST BE USED FOR PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S EXPENSES IN JAPAN, TTPI/LNO EXPRESSED TTPI WILLINGNESS DROP REQUEST IF NECESSARY TO AVOID DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT. GOJ HAS NOT MADE DECISION YET RE MISSION TO TTPI, DRAFT LIST, OR TTPI QUESTIONS TO GOJ, BUT FONOFF WILL ATTEMPT EXPEDITE MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF AND TTPI/LNO QUIGLEY MET AUGUST 21 WITH SASAKI, DEPUTY HEAD, AND KUNEIDA, BOTH OF SECOND ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION, FONOFF, TO DISCUSS PENDING QUESTIONS RE IMPLEMENTATION OF MICRONESIA CLAIMS AGREEMENT.

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2. FOLLOWING REHASH OF EARLIER ARGUMENTS BY BOTH SIDES REGARDING USE OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT INTEREST TO PAY PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S EXPENSES IN JAPAN, TTPI/LNO EXPLAINED THAT USG HAS INSTRUCTED HICOMTERPACIS THAT USG CAN PAY EXPENSES. IF NON-RESOLUTION THIS QUESTION WILL DELAY IMPLEMENTATION, HE SAID TTPI WOULD ACCEPT NEGATIVE GOJ DECISION AND DROP REQUEST.

3. SASAKI EXPLAINED THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER GOJ WILL SEND MISSION TO TTPI, AND WHEN SUCH MISSION WOULD BE SENT, STILL NOT DECIDED. IF MISSION SHOULD BE SENT, IT WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF TWO OR THREE PERSONS. TTPI/LNO REPLIED THAT TTPI BELIEVES VISIT BY SEVERAL POLICY-LEVEL PERSONS TO DISCUSS MAJOR PROJECTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WOULD BE USEFUL. HE STRESSED TTPI WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FAST TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR TRIP AND COMPLETE LIST. IF GOJ APPROVES ONLY PART OF LIST, HE SAID, TTPI CAN BEGIN PROCUREMENT IN JAPAN. SASAKI RESPONDED THAT FONOF IS STILL TRYING GET INFORMAL RESPONSE FROM OTHER GOJ MINISTRIES TO FIRST PART OF LIST. IF GOJ DECIDES NOT RPT NOT TO SEND DELEGATION, IT WILL RESPOND TO DRAFT LIST SOON SO THAT PROCUREMENT CAN BEGIN.

4. TTPI/LNO EXPLAINED THAT GOJ NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT TAXATION OF JAPANESE NATIONALS IN TTPI. ALTHOUGH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS NOT YET ACTED ON AMENDING TAX LEGISLATION, FAVORABLE ACTION IS ANTICIPATED. IN ANY EVENT, USG WILL HONOR ALL COMMITMENTS UNDER AGREEMENT.

5. RE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES IN JAPAN, SASAKI EXPLAINED THAT GOJ WILL WANT CONTRACTS RATHER THAN PURCHASE ORDERS. CONTRACTS NEED NOT BE LENGTHY, BUT SHOULD INCLUDE DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION, E.G. DATE AND MEANS OF DELIVERY, AND SIGNATURES OF BOTH PARTIES. TTPI LNO UNDERTOOK TO STUDY THIS MATTER.

6. EMBOFF CONVEYED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL B TO SASAKI. SASAKI RESPONDED THAT ANSWERS TO TTPI QUESTIONS WOULD BE PROVIDED AT SAME TIME AS GOJ RESPONSE TO LIST.
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HE WILL UNDERTAKE TO EXPEDITE FINALIZATION OF GOJ POSITION RE QUESTIONS, DRAFT LIST, AND MISSION TO TTPI.
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